

## R E V I E W.

Tuesday, May 5. 1713.

T was always my Opinion, That a Wise Man ought never to be a sham'd to acknowledge himself to be in the Wrong, or to beg Pardon if he is in a Mistake. This I have so often prof'd to be my Judgment, in Print, that you cannot teach me with making it my Practice. It is true, That we ought to consider well before we speak, not offend, especially those who we ought not to offend, for no Man is infallible, the Retreat an honest Man always makes in such a Case, is, by a frank and voluntary Acknowledgment, to make *L'Amour Honourable* to the Parties Offended, and in humblest manner possible, to ask their Pardon. I should say, That I voluntarily, and of set pose affronted and offended Her Majesty's Court of Justice, and my Lords, the Judges, in what I have written, I should add to my Offence, should what is not true, and should load my self with ill of a kind which I abhor; for I bear the greatest and truest Veneration to the Office and Authority of a Judge, that I can possibly express: But I have unwarily, and for want of Circumstancials, offended, is very true; and I do freely acknowledge the Displeasure of my Lord Chief Justice. The Court is very just; and this I say most voluntarily, and of my own accord. I esteem the Execution of the Law to be the Substance of the Peoples Liberties; and the Sons therefore, to whom that great Trust is committed, are, in my esteem so far Sacred, and ought not to be any way Insulted, or Offended: Nay, if were to be brought before the Judges in a Foreign Nation, yet, as the Laws of that Country were committed to them, and I liv'd then under the Government of that Country, I would behave my self with Venerancy and Respect, to the Judges, in mere Veneration to their Office; much more here, where I have the least Objection, either against the Laws themselves, or the Uprightness of the Persons, to whom my Judgment is committed.

For my Submission, therefore, to the Judges of England, whom I have unwarily offended, let no man Reproach me, since it is, every Man's Duty

so to do — We see the Apostle Paul, when he return'd too warmly to one, whose Person he mistook, when he came to know he was the Judge, who had a right to resent what he had said, he immediately beg'd Pardon, *I wist not that it was the high Priest*; for it is written, *Thou shalt not revile the Ruler (or Judge) of thy People*.

For these Reasons, and many other, as soon as I perceiv'd my Mistake, in the Reviews lately written, on the Subject of my Prosecution, I presently warr'd all the Defence I might think to make of my Writings, for I saw I had wanted due Caution in explaining my self; and that the uncertainty of my Meaning gave my Lord Chief Justice sufficient and just Cause to think himself affronted and ill Treated. I saw likewise, That publick Reflections upon Prosecutors or Witnesses, or upon Prosecutions; and publishing Defences against Judicial Proceeding, where nothing which might be said for those Proceedings appears, ought not to be suffered; because it tends to prepossess Juries, to anticipate the publick Justice, and to prejudice the Minds of the People against the Determination of the Court, in case upon a full and equal Examination, it should prove that the Prosecutions are just. Upon this, as an honest Man, I say, ought to do, I immediately, by my Petition to my Lord Chief Justice, acknowledg'd my self in the wrong; and with all possible, and sincere Humility, ask'd his Lordship's Pardon; and in a second Petition to the whole Court, did the like again: And I have here given the World a true Copy of both these Petitions, as well to give all possible Satisfaction to their Lordships, as to let every body see, that I am ready to make any Submissions, where I own my self in a Mistake.

How, not justly only, but Generously also, I have been used by their Lordships, upon their Submissions, I shall not be backward to let the World know; and if I am at any time guilty of Reflections upon either, it must be when my Senses forsake me, as well as my Principles.

If any Man Insults me upon the Meanness of these things, I contemn his Insult; for it is beneath no Man to submit himself to the just Magistracy of his Country,

The Humble Petition of *Daniel de Foe*, Prisoner  
in the Queen's-Bench Prison,

*Humbly Sheweth,*

THAT Your Petitioner humbly, and with  
any Reserve, acknowledges the Justice of Your  
Lordship's Displeasure at what he had written  
those *Reviews*, for which he stands committed,  
is sincerely sorry for having given Your Lordship  
Offence therein; and though he did not foresee  
the same, yet he is very far from excusing or exten-  
ting the Fact upon that Account; but humbly throw-  
ing himself upon Your Lordships Mercy, begging Pardon  
of Your Lordships for the said Offence, in  
humblest manner possible.

And whereas some Words have been printed  
another *Review*, which are also justly Offensive  
Your Lordships, he humbly assures Your Lordships  
the same was actually printed and wrought off before  
Your Lordships Displeasure at the other Papers were  
known: And he humbly assures Your Lordships, that  
as he is heartily afflicted at having thus incurred  
Your Lordships Displeasure; so he will be careful  
to avoid the like for the future; and particularly, that  
he will never take the Liberty to mention any thing  
in Publick which relates to Your Lordships Proceed-  
ings, in any respect whatsoever.

Wherefore Your Petitioner humbly Prays Your  
Lordships, that he may be discharged from  
present Confinement, without which, he and  
numerous Family will be utterly ruin'd and  
undone.

*And Your Petitioner shall ever Pray, &c.*

*Daniel de Foe*

try, especially when he is in the wrong. We see  
Instances of this daily, before the two Houses of  
Parliament; where it is esteem'd no Reproach for  
any Man to humble himself, when he has offended;  
and I fear much for those Gentlemen, who think it  
below them to ask Pardon, especially of just Author-  
ity, when they have offended it; Whether they  
would not treat their Maker in the same manner if  
they could? But I profess my self of another Opin-  
ion in both Cases, and therefore very freely and  
willingly publish my two Petitions aforesaid, as  
follows.

*To the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Kt.  
Lord Chief-Justice of England.*

The Humble Petition of *Daniel de Foe*, of New-  
ington, in the County of Middlesex, now a Prisoner in  
the Queen's-Bench,

*Humbly Sheweth,*

THAT Your Petitioner is extreamly afflicted  
at the Offence he has given to Your Lordship  
in the two printed Papers, entitul'd, the *Review*;  
and for which Offence he stands committed, That as  
Your Prisoner assures Your Lordship, he did not fore-  
see the just Displeasure of Your Lordship, so he is  
heartily sorry for it; and, avoiding all Excuses or  
Extenuations of the Fact, he throws himself upon the  
Goodness and Compassion of Your Lordship, in the  
humblest Manner possible, and with the lowest Sub-  
mission asks Your Lordship's Pardon for the same:  
Humbly imploring Your Lordship, That his other  
unhappy Circumstances, such as a large Family, his  
private Affairs long in a perplexed Posture, and the  
publick Prosecutions which he is now under, may  
move Your Lordship to forgive his said Offence,  
which otherwise will be his utter Ruin and Undoing.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly Prays Your  
Lordship's Pardon; and, That he may be dis-  
charg'd from his present Confinement, assuring  
Your Lordship of his Dutiful Behaviour to  
Your Lordship for the Future.

*And Your Petitioner shall ever Pray.*

*Daniel de Foe.*

*To the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Kt.  
Lord-Chief-Justice of England, and to the rest of the  
Judges of Her Majesty's Courts of Queen's-Bench.*

There may be Objections by some, to the Ma-  
ner of my Submissions; for my Part, all the Objec-  
tion I make to them my self, is, that I think they  
are not full enough in the acknowledging part; and  
I could have made them more Compleat, I ought  
have done it: Because the Lenity shewn me by the  
Lordships, when I mov'd by my Council to be dis-  
charg'd, submitting to a Fine, and when this Refer-  
ment might have been much heavier upon me, even  
to my Ruin, calls for very large and very open Ack-  
nowledgments; and therefore, as I have volunt-  
arily publish'd these Petitions; so if I knew what  
to add as a farther Expiation for this Offence, that  
would be more to their Lordships Satisfaction:  
I should think my self bound to do it; and I do call  
the Liberty to say, that this is not all the Acknow-  
ledgment I purpose to make of it: But shall let the  
World see I am sensible, both of the Offence and  
my Duty, even when the hands of Justice are taken off.

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